

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application. Claims 1-4 are currently amended to compositions for dyeing hair in accordance with claim 6. Claim 6 is cancelled since it is now moot. Claims 7-9 are currently amended to properly depend from claim 1. Claim 10 is currently amended to a method for dyeing human hair.

No new matter is added.

Claims 1-5 and 7-15 are presented for reconsideration.

Claim Objections

Claims 5-9 and 11-15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The objections are addressed and overcome by the current amendments to the claims.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 103(a)

Claims 1-4 and 10 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Loew, U.S. Patent No. 4,382,801.

US 4,382,801 discloses monocationic dye salts for the dyeing of acrylonitrile polymers and copolymers. The instant invention pertains to compositions and methods for dyeing hair. This is reflected in the amended claims and Working Examples 1-45. US 4,382,801 is completely silent on the topic of the dyeing of hair. Therefore, one of ordinary skill in the art would not be motivated to use the dyes of US 4,382,801 for the purpose of the instant invention.

The 35 USC 103(a) rejection is addressed and overcome.

The Examiner is kindly requested to reconsider and to withdraw the present rejections and objections.

Applicants submit that the present claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be found allowable.

Respectfully submitted,

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